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Peaceful protests don't make people afraid to leave their homes. The blockades in downtown Ottawa have caused major disruption and danger to local families and businesses - to say nothing of the vandalism, harassment of residents, expressions of hate and incitement to violence. It is time for demonstrators to go home, and for Ottawans to get their city back. Federal officials across government, including the RCMP, have been working closely with their municipal counterparts to manage the situation over the past week.

This afternoon, I had a productive conversation with Mayor Jim Watson. The City of Ottawa has submitted a request to the federal government for more support from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and I was happy to confirm that additional resources are ready to assist the Ottawa Police Service, who continue to be the police of jurisdiction. Ottawans deserve to feel safe in their community, and we'll continue to work closely with the City of Ottawa to be there for them.

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